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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR ALBA'S CALL ON THE SECRETARY
REGARDING U.S. UN VOTE ON SPANISH
SAHARA .

1. SPANISH AMBASSADOR ALBA CALLED ON THE SECRETARY
DECEMBER 20 AND ON INSTRUCTION FROM CORTINA SOME-
WHAT APOLOGETICALLY RAISED QUESTION OF U.S. VOTE IN
UN IN FAVOR OF MOROCCAN-SUPPORTED RESOLUTION ON
REFERRAL OF SPANISH SAHARA ISSUES TO ICJ. ALSO
PRESENT WERE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER
AND IB DEPUTY DIRECTOR ROWELL.

2. SECRETARY EXPLAINED BACKGROUND FOR U.S. VOTE
AND SAID HE WAS SORRY IT HAD COME OUT THIS WAY.
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HE SAID HE COULD PROMISE GOS THAT WE WOULD STICK TO

A NEUTRAL POSITION. SECRETARY THEN ASKED WHY SPAIN HAD ONLY ABSTAINED RATHER THAN VOTE "NO" ON RESOLUTION. ALBA REPLIED SPAIN HAD NOT WANTED TO SAY "NO" TO ICJ AND ADDED THAT SPANISH THEMSELVES HAD NOT MADE THEIR POSITION CLEAR.

3. TOWARD END OF MEETING ALBA ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON U.S. AID TO MOROCCO AND SAID SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY APPEARED TO BELIEVE IT WAS IN THE ORDER OF \$10 MILLION IN GRANTS AND \$20 MILLION CONCESSIONAL

TERM CREDITS. SECRETARY SAID WE WOULD CHECK ON EXACT FIGURES AND GIVE THEM TO ALBA - THE U.S. HAS NO INTEREST IN STIMULATING A MOROCCAN MILITARY ATTACK.

4. ALBA TOLD DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER THAT HE (ALBA) FLIES TO SPAIN DECEMBER 20 AND THAT INFORMATION ON AID TO MOROCCO COULD BE GIVEN TO HIM AFTER HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON IN JANUARY. SISCO

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